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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the present application.

What is claimed is:

- 1. (original) A polarizing electrode composed of a carbon composite, wherein, as a carbon material of said carbon composite, a single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate, which is made in such a manner that the single-layer carbon nanohorns are aggregated spherically, is used.
- 2. (original) The polarizing electrode according to claim 1,
 wherein said single-layer carbon nanohorn is a single-layer graphite nanohorn.
- 3. (original) The polarizing electrode according to claim 1,

wherein said single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate is supported by a carbon fiber or a carbon nanofiber.

4. (original) The polarizing electrode according to claim 3,

wherein, by allowing a front end of said single-layer carbon nanohorn composing said single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate to be fused to said carbon fiber or said carbon nanofiber, said single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate is supported by said carbon fiber or said carbon nanofiber.

5. (withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a polarizing electrode composed of a carbon composite including a single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate made in such a manner that the

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single-layer carbon nanohorns are aggregated spherically as a carbon material, comprising a step of:

obtaining said carbon composite by molding a mixture of said single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate and a heat fusible and heat hardening phenol resin at 80 - 120 °C, and carrying out a heat treatment in a no-oxidizing atmosphere.

6. (withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a polarizing electrode composed of a carbon composite including a single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate made in such a manner that the single-layer carbon nanohorns are aggregated spherically as a carbon material, comprising a step of:

obtaining said carbon composite by molding a mixture of said single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate, a heat fusible and heat hardening phenol resin, and a heat infusible phenol resin of a weight ratio of 15 to 60 % with respect to the heat fusible and heat hardening phenol resin, and carrying out a heat treatment in no-oxidizing atmosphere.

7. (currently amended) An electric double-layer capacitor comprising:

a polarizing electrode,

wherein said electric double layer capacitor comprises a polarizing electrode is composed of a carbon composite including a single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate made in such a manner that the single-layer carbon nanohorns are aggregated spherically as a carbon material.

8. (new) A polarizing electrode comprising:

a carbon composite including a single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate, wherein the single-layer carbon nanohorn aggregate is aggregated spherically.